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KATHARINE H. PARKER, United States Magistrate Judge:

On February 14, 2023, the parties appeared for an Initial Case Management Conference.

After review of the pleadings and consultation with the parties, the following Scheduling Order is entered pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

Defendants.

**Pleadings, Parties, and Motions.** The parties shall have until **April 7, 2023** to amend the pleadings and join parties. No further amendments or joinder of parties thereafter absent good cause.

**Discovery.** The deadline to complete fact discovery is <u>July 1, 2023</u>. The deadline to complete depositions is <u>July 1, 2023</u>. Depositions are limited to seven per side. The deadline to complete any expert discovery is **August 15, 2024**.

**Discovery Disputes.** The parties shall follow the Court's Individual Procedures with respect to any discovery disputes. *See* https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-katharine-h-parker.

Rule 1 and Rule 26(b)(1). Counsel shall comply with Rule 1 and Rule 26(b)(1) in the conduct of discovery.

**Document Requests.** Counsel shall be fully familiar with their obligations under Rules 34 and 26(g) and consider and discuss ways to ensure compliance and minimize disputes

regarding overbreadth and specificity of requests and responses. A failure to comply with this

responsibility carries serious consequences. Requests for any and all documents on a broad

topic are presumptively improper. Likewise, courts have held that an objection that does not

appropriately explain its grounds is forfeited. See, e.g., Wesley Corp. v. Zoom T.V. Prods., LLC,

No. 17-100212018, 2018 WL 372700, at \*4 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 11, 2018); Fischer v. Forrest, No. 14

Civ. 01304 (PAE) (AJP), 2017 WL 773694 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 28, 2017) ("[A]ny discovery response that

does not comply with Rule 34's requirement to state objections with specificity (and to clearly

indicate whether responsive material is being withheld on the basis of objection) will be

deemed a waiver of all objections (except as to privilege).").

Status Letter. The parties shall file a joint status letter by Thursday, March 16, 2023

updating the Court on their status with mediation and discovery.

SO ORDERED.

DATED:

New York, New York February 14, 2023

KATHARINE H. PARKER

United States Magistrate Judge

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